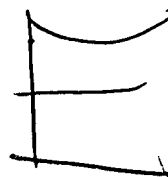


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Support for the recitation of "requires a short consensus repeat domain" in claims 40, 49 and 53 is on page 15, lines 9-12 and page 21, lines 1-6. Support for the recitation of "simultaneously or individually inhibits" in claims 40, 49 and 53 is on page 11, lines 3-5 and lines 32-34.

Claims 5 and 7, which were found to be free of the prior art, now correspond to new claims 56 and 43, respectively.

#### 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 8, 10-16 and 18-39 were rejected as being unpatentable over Laskey et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,098,833) and Bevilacqua et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,081,034) in view of Watson et al (Nature), Kishimoto (PNAS 1990), Kishimoto (Blood 1991) and Picker et al (Cell 1991).

Applicant would like to point out that claim 4 and not claim 6 was cancelled in the previous amendment filed September 11, 1995. Claim 6 now corresponds with substitute new claim 42.

As invited by the Examiner, Applicant cancelled all pending claims and added new claims that clearly distinguish the features of the antibody of the present invention from antibody of the prior art.

The antibody of the present invention specifically binds a common antigenic determinant on E-selectin and L-selectin. The binding requires a short consensus repeat domain and the binding simultaneously or individually inhibits E-selectin and L-selectin

functions. The newly added claims distinctly point out these distinguishing features. The cited art collectively or individually fail to teach or suggest such an antibody.

Applicant is of the belief that the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to contact the below identified agent of record should there be any other outstanding matters to attend to.


Applicant filed a Request for Correction of Filing Receipt on August 27, 1996 to correct a Patent Office error in incorrectly deleting Mark A. Jutila as the sole inventor and adding John R. Steinberg who is not an inventor. Applicant asks that the request be forwarded to the proper division for processing at the appropriate time to ensure that the proper inventor is identified on any patent that issues.

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